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4. ([] - JMM) Accompanied Colonel White in meeting with Chairman F. Edward Hebert and Assistant Chief Counsel Frank Slatinshek House Armed Services Committee, and Mr. Don R. Brazier, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), in a discussion of the handling of the Agency budget. See Memo for Record.

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5. ([] - JMM) Lunched with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, and discussed handling of Agency budget and related matters.

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6. ([] - JMM) During a chance encounter, Senator Stuart Symington gave me a message to pass to the Director. See Memo for the Record.

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7. ([] - JMM) Accompanied Colonel White who briefed Senator Milton Young on plans for handling the Agency FY 73 budget. See Memo for Record.

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8. ([] - JMM) Met with Hastings Wyman and Henry Herlong, in the office of Senator Strom Thurmond, and discussed our problems with the Ervin bill (S. 1438) which had just been ordered reported by the Judiciary Committee. I left with them documentary material spelling out our particular problems with the present version of the bill and our need for a complete exemption.

Later, Mr. Herlong called me to say he had discussed the matter with Senator Thurmond who felt he could not persuade Senator Ervin to accept a complete exemption for the Agency but would like our proposal for certain limited exemptions. I said we appreciated the Senator's interest but in fact we had worked diligently with Ervin's staff to find mutually acceptable limited exemptions without success. I said I was afraid nothing less than a complete exemption would serve our purposes, and if this was not feasible I didn't think we should bother Thurmond by getting into a hassle with Ervin which would produce no useful results. I therefore suggested our best solution would be to shoot for an exemption in the House/Senate conference, since I thought we would get considerable support in the House side. Herlong agreed with this judgment.

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